

beneficiaries. For CGHS beneficiaries, routine X-ray facilities have also been made available in Central Secretariat Health Check-up Centre.

Unauthorised Construction on Public Land

3330. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether area officer of civic body is responsible to check the unauthorised construction and encroachments on public land; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the large scale unauthorised construction and encroachments having taken place in Delhi and the action against the persons responsible ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Unauthorised construction/encroachment is a continuing problem. As and when such cases are detected by the civic bodies, appropriate legal action, including lodging of F.I.R. and sealing of such properties, etc. as per the provisions of Law is taken with a view to remove encroachments/unauthorised constructions. It has not been possible to take demolition or penal action in every case due to various constraints such as stay orders from courts, public resistance and non-availability of police. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported the following action taken by it.

1. Number of cases in which demolition action has been taken—12862

2. F.I.Rs. lodged during 1-4-1986 to 31-7-1991—1919

3. Properties sealed during 1-6-1986 to 31-7-1991—990

Departmental action is taken against the erring staff if any instance of negligence or dereliction of duty is found.

Facilities in Nursing Homes, Clinics and Private Hospitals in Delhi

3331. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several private hospitals and clinics in the country had imported duty free expensive medical equipment with an assurance to provide free treatment to poor patients to which they never provide;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of requisite facilities to the poor patients free of cost from such hospitals and clinics;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to link all these private hospitals and clinics with the Government hospitals which could refer the patients to these hospitals for examination and treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) Director General of Health Services issues Customs Duty Exemption Certificates to private hospitals and clinics to import of medical equipments in terms

of Ministry of Finance Notification No. 64/88-Cus., dated 1-3-1988, strictly on the basis of recommendations of the concerned State Government(s). Inter-alia, the State Government certifies that the hospitals/clinics would provide 40% free treatment to the O.P.D. patients and reserve 10% of beds for the patients having an income of less than Rs. 500 per month. Recognising that the monitoring of the fulfilment of the conditions of the duty free import was inadequate, steps are being taken to link the private hospitals/clinics which have received Customs Duty Exemption to nearby Government hospitals to enable the latter to refer poor patients for free diagnostic services to such hospitals/clinics.

Eviction Cases Under Litigation

3332. SHRI V. N. SHARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of eviction cases of Government accommodation in Delhi are under litigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when these cases are under litigation;

(d) the reasons for delay in getting the decision of the Court for eviction of unauthorised occupation; and

(e) the time by which the decision of the Court in such cases is likely to be obtained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) and (e) As regards the delay in disposal and time-frame work regarding disposal of the court cases, it may be submitted that delay in disposal of cases by the law courts is mainly due to heavy arrears of cases pending before them. Each and every case is given priority by the Court keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case. No specific time-frame work for decision of various law courts could reasonably be calculated as we are a party before the court and the presiding Judge cannot possibly be influenced in this regard.

Drinking Water in the Walled City

3333. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the residents of walled city area in Delhi are getting contaminated water for drinking purposes since the past few months ;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any steps to provide safe drinking water to them ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Walled city is a congested area having narrow lanes where water main, sewer and storm water drains run side by side